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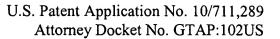
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Honorable Sir:

This is a Reply to the Notice to File Missing Parts (copy enclosed) dated November 15, 2004 regarding the above-identified patent application. On September 8, 2004 the aboveidentified patent application was electronically filed as shown by the enclosed copy of the Electronic Submission Acknowledgement Receipt.

Also enclosed is a copy of the XML files transmitted to the USPTO that include a Declaration and Power of Attorney in .tiff format signed by both applicants. The executed Declaration and Power of Attorney electronically submitted also identified the residence and complete mailing address of each inventor, a copy of which is also enclosed. The receipt of the Declaration and Power of Attorney by the USPTO is indicated on the attached Acknowledgement Receipt from the USPTO. We have highlighted the entries in the Acknowledgement Receipt regarding the Declaration and Power of Attorney.

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Please consider this a proper Reply to the Notice to File Missing Parts in connection with the above application.

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